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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 21, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The September 21, 2004 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by December 21, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.